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**DATE:** October 7, 2004

**TO:** County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrators Participating in the Comprehensive Drug Court Implementation (CDCI) Program

**SUBJECT:** New CDCI Funding for Dependency Drug Courts

**REFERENCE:** Health and Safety Code (HSC) Section 11970.2

This letter is to announce the availability of additional Fiscal Year 2004-2005 funding for dependency drug courts (DDC) under the Comprehensive Drug Court Implementation (CDCI) program. The FY 2004-05 Budget Act appropriates \$1.8 million from federal funds provided to the Department of Social Services (DSS) under the Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) program. The purpose of the budget augmentation and amendment to HSC Section 11970.2 (Chapter 2, Article 4, Statutes of 2004) is to fund the implementation, planning, or expansion of new or existing dependency drug court programs in selected counties. The Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) in collaboration with the Judicial Council of California with input from the California Department of Social Services (DSS) are required to select counties for this supplemental allocation of funds and adopt appropriate data collection and reporting requirements to measure program outcome and cost effectiveness.

Counties interested in obtaining funding for drug court programs that handle cases involving neglected and/or abused children, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 300 will be selected through a competitive application process. Any county applying for these funds must have participated in a CDCI program during project year 2003-04 and cannot use CDCI funds to supplant existing functions, services, or programs. In order to be eligible for the funds a county must have an established dependency drug court, or be prepared to establish such a court within six months of being awarded. In addition to these requirements, the following conditions will be considered in selecting counties for funding:

1. The county's history of submitting timely reports.
2. The county's history of expending allocated funding within the project year.
3. The county's ability to realize foster care savings through a dependency drug court system.
4. The existence of a System Improvement Plan (SIP) for child welfare services pursuant to the DSS All-County Letter #04-05 that has been approved by the County Board of Supervisors that includes a dependency drug court; or other collaborative relationships between the alcohol and drug agency, the children's services agency, and the courts.

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The final award to each county will depend on the number of counties interested and selected to receive the funds. We are expecting the grant supplement to range from \$60,000 to \$300,000 for each selected county. All of the initial terms and conditions of the initial CDCI application and the Multi-Agency Plan (as amended) continue to apply. Counties will be selected through a competitive application process.

Please find attached a copy of the Intent to Apply Form and a copy of the Request for Application (RFA) Dependency Drug Court Supplement. You may also download a copy of both attachments from:

[www.adp.ca.gov/DependencyDrugCourts.shtml](http://www.adp.ca.gov/DependencyDrugCourts.shtml)

If your county is interested in applying for these funds, your county must:

1. Complete and submit the attached Intent to Apply Form to the address shown below. This form must be received by the ADP no later than October 18, 2004, 5:00 p.m.; and
2. Complete and submit your Dependency Drug Courts Supplement Application. This application must be received by the ADP no later than November 1, 2004, 5:00 p.m.

<p><b>Failure to meet these dates will make your county ineligible for the Dependency Drug Court Supplement.</b></p>
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Due to the requirement for original signatures, responses submitted through facsimile, electronic transfer, or on diskette **will not be accepted.**

Please return these completed forms to:

**Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs  
Office of Drug Court Programs  
1700 K Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Attn: CDCI Coordinator**

Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Mary Skorka at (916) 323-7230 or [mskorka@adp.state.ca.us](mailto:mskorka@adp.state.ca.us) .

Sincerely,

DEL SAYLES-OWEN  
Deputy Director  
Office of Criminal Justice Collaboration

Attachments (The forms requiring signature should be forwarded by the Administrator to the Presiding Judge.)

cc: Presiding Judge (letter only)  
Chief Administrator Officer  
Welfare Dept Director